

THE SEVENTH SESSION  
OF THE  
SOUTH GEORGIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

OF THE M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH,  
HELD AT MACON, GEORGIA,

BEGINNING DEC. 17TH—ENDING DEC. 23D, 1873.

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Burke, John W.	Knox, Walter	Simmons, John W.
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Christian, Thos T.	Lane, Wesley	Smith, Cosby W.
Clark, James O. A.	Leonard, Thos. K.	Spence, James
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Clements, Stephen D.	Mauldin, James D.	Thompson, Geo. C.
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The object of this Fund is to give relief to the widows and orphans of the preachers, traveling or local, or to the preachers themselves, who are in specially destitute circumstances, from sickness or other calamity. Donations solicited.

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This Society manages all invested funds, the proceeds of which are distributed to the superannuated preachers and widows and orphans of preachers. Donations are solicited.

STANDING COMMITTEE ON MEMOIRS FOR FOUR YEARS.—O. L. Smith, R. W. Dixon and R. B. Lester.

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*First Year.*—F. A. Branch, S. D. Clements, A. J. Dean.

*Second Year.*—J. R. Littlejohn, B. F. Breedlove, R. J. Corley.

*Third Year.*—W. Knox, W. F. Robison, A. M. Wynn.

*Fourth Year.*—J. O. Branch, J. T. Ainsworth, J. M. Austin.

*Resolved*, 1. That the Examining Committees, the applicants for admission on trial, together with the under-graduates of South Georgia Conference, be required to meet at the place of holding the session of the Conference, in time to begin the examinations, on Tuesday, at 9 o'clock A. M., next preceding the meeting of the Conference.

*Resolved*, 2. Any member of either committee; or any applicant for admission on trial, or any under-graduate failing to meet at the appointed time and place, shall, if a member of either committee, be removed, or if an applicant or an under-graduate, forfeit the privilege of going before the committee for examination at that session; provided, in either instance, a providential hindrance shall be received as a valid excuse.

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### VISITING COMMITTEES.

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WESLEYAN FEMALE COLLEGE.—R. W. Dixon, W. F. Robison, George G. N. MacDonell, T. N. Beall, G. A. B. Dozier.

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LEVERT FEMALE COLLEGE.—J. W. Simmons, W. Knox, B. F. Breedlove.

COLLINSWORTH INSTITUTE.—E. J. Rentz, H. P. Myers, C. C. Hines.

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### DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

CLERICAL.—Lovick Pierce, Joseph S. Key, James W. Hinton, Samuel Anthony, J. O. A. Clark.

*Reserves.*—Thomas T. Christian, George G. N. MacDonell, O. L. Smith.

LAY DELEGATES.—James Jackson, William H. Ellison, W. M. Sessions, B. M. Overby, Rev. R. W. Lovett.

*Reserves.*—J. J. Jones, A. A. Allen, M. E. Rylander, W. D. Grace, Rev. J. R. Felder.

# MINUTES OF 1873.

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## *Admitted on Trial.*

Cornelius Boland, Pleasant H. Crumpler, Isaac F. Carey, Wm. J. Flanders, Jas. H. Henderson, Howard W. Key, Benjamin W. Key, Walker Lewis, Richard W. Rogers, Edwin I. Smith, J. W. Weston, James E. Rorie.

## *Remaining on Trial.*

John J. Boring, Wilbur F. Bearden, Barnard H. Lester. Wm. H. Rogers (continued in class of first year,) Albert M. Williams, Peter S. Twitty.

## *Discontinued.*

James M. Osborne, at his own request.

## *Admitted into Full Connection.*

J. B. Culpepper, John W. Domingos, Wm J. Green, Geo. W. Hardaway, Robert M. Lockwood, J. Fletcher Mixon, Boling H. Sasnett, George C. Thompson.

## *Readmitted.*

None.

## *Received by Transfer.*

Thos. K. Leonard, L. G. R. Wiggins.

## *Deacons of One Year.*

Robert L. Honiker, J. P. Wardlaw, S. N. Tucker (continued in class of third year,) John W. Glenn (continued in class of third year.)

## *Deacons Elected.*

J. B. Culpepper, Jno. W. Domingos, Wm. J. Green, Geo. W. Hardaway, Boling H. Sasnett, Geo. C. Thompson, Albert M. Williams, Peter S. Twitty, Barnard H. Lester.

## *Deacons Ordained.*

Jno. B. Culpepper, Jno. W. Domingos, Wm. J. Green, George W. Hardaway, Boling H. Sasnett, Geo. C. Thompson, Albert M. Williams, Peter S. Twitty, Barnard H. Lester.

*Local Preachers Elected Deacons.*

Seaborn H. Thigpen, Walker Lewis, Hamlin R. Felder, Thos. Lane, Jas. B. McCullers, Chas. S. Rockwell, John T. Lowe.

*Local Preachers Ordained Deacons.*

Walker Lewis, John T. Lowe, Hamlin R. Felder. Thos. Lane.

*Elders Elected.*

Edwin J. Burch, Robert M. Lockwood.

*Elders Ordained.*

Edwin J. Burch, Robert M. Lockwood.

*Local Preachers Elected Elders.*

Henry J. Harvey, Chas. R. H. Hays, Joseph Short, James D. Russ, James J. Tooke, John W. Watts.

*Local Preachers Ordained Elders*

Henry J. Harvey, Chas. R. H. Hays, Jas. D. Russ, James J. Tooke, William Hardin.

*Located at their own Request.*

Robert D. Gentry, Wm. A. Green.

*Supernumerary.*

Robert F. Williamson.

*Superannuated.*

Chas. A. Moore, Wyatt Brooks, Jacob R. Owen, H. P. Pitchford, W. W. Griffin, Capel Raiford, Thos. C. Coleman, F. R. C. Ellis, Y. F. Tignor, James Dunwody, R. H. Luckey, David Crenshaw, John W. Talley, L. C. Peek, W. S. Baker, W. B. McHan, David Blalock, Jas. Harris, R. H. Howren, S. G. Childs.

*Died.*

William M. Kennedy.

*Character.*

The names of the preachers were called one by one and their characters were examined and passed.

*Statistical.*

Number of Members, 26,335. Local Preachers, 231.

Infants baptized, 762; adults baptized, 1,522.

Sunday-Schools, 278; teachers, 1,724; scholars, 11,201.

Amount necessary for superannuated preachers and the widows and orphans of preachers, \$9,000 00; collected on the foregoing account, \$4,322 15. Contributions for Missions, \$6,218 70. For other statistics, see Tables.

*Next Conference.*

Savannah, Georgia.

APPOINTMENTS FOR 1874.

**Savannah District—J. O. A. CLARK, PRESIDING ELDER.**

Savannah—Trinity.....	H. H. Parks.
“ Wesley Church and Mission.....	A. M. Wynn.
Springfield.....	N. D. Morehouse.
Sylvania.....	J. D. Maulden.
Millen Mission.....	R. W. Rogers.
Bethel.....	E. J. Burch.
Alexander.....	J. A. Rosser.
{ Waynesboro.....	G. S. Johnson.
{ Herndon Mission.....	W. E. Shackelford.
Bethany.....	T. B. Lanier.
Louisville.....	J. W. Glenn.
Sandersville.....	J. F. Mixon.
Washington and Davisboro.....	J. J. Boring and J. W. Domingos.
Gibson.....	J. E. Rorie.

**Macon District—J. W. HINTON, PRESIDING ELDER.**

Macon—Mulberry Street and Vineville.....	J. O. Branch.
“ East Macon and City Mission.....	S. S. Sweet and J. W. Burke.
“ First Street.....	George G. N. MacDonell.
Macon Circuit.....	C. J. Toole.
Irwinton.....	A. M. Williams.
Jeffersonville and Gordon.....	B. H. Sasnett, and one to be supplied.
Fort Valley and Marshallville.....	F. A. Branch.
Crawford.....	W. W. Tidwell.
Perry.....	W. F. Robison.
Hayneville.....	W. M. D. Bond.
Hawkinsville and Longstreet.....	R. J. Corley.
Pulaski.....	W. H. Rogers.
Wilcox Mission.....	to be supplied by R. M. Booth.
Emory College.....	O. L. Smith, President.
Emory College.....	I. S. Hopkins, Professor.
Wesleyan Female College.....	E. H. Myers, President.
Wesleyan Female College.....	C. W. Smith and W. C. Bass, Professors.

**Columbus District—J. B. McGEHEE, PRESIDING ELDER.**

Columbus—St. Luke's.....	J. S. Key.
“ Girard and Trinity.....	J. W. Simmons.
“ St. Paul's.....	A. Wright.
“ Broad Street.....	R. W. Dixon.

Cataula.....	S. D. Clements.
Hamilton.....	D. R. McWilliams.
Talbotton.....	W. Knox.
Talbot Circuit.....	L. B. Payne, B. W. Key.
Geneva.....	W. G. Booth.
Butler.....	E. J. Rentz.
Glen Alta and Mission.....	C. C. Hines.
Cusseta.....	R. F. Evans.
Conference Missionary.....	L. Pierce.

**Americus District—N. B. OUSLEY, PRESIDING ELDER.**

Americus.....	T. T. Christian.
Sumter.....	J. T. Ainsworth, George C. Thompson.
Ellaville.....	W. Lane; R. F. Williamson, sup'y.
Smithville.....	B. H. Lester.
Oglethorpe.....	J. B. Wardlaw.
Montezuma.....	to be supplied by H. R. Felder.
Vienna and Dooly Mission.....	G. T. Embry, E. I. Smith.
Cuthbert.....	B. F. Breedlove.
Weston.....	R. L. Wiggins, and one to be supplied.
Stewart.....	J. M. Potter.
Buena Vista.....	W. W. Stewart.
Lumpkin.....	A. J. Dean.
Agent South Georgia Orphans' Home.....	Samuel Anthony.

**Dawson District—R. B. LESTER, PRESIDING ELDER.**

Dawson.....	George C. Clark.
Terrell and Morgan.....	J. R. Littlejohn, W. F. Bearden.
Fort Gaines and Blakely.....	W. M. Hayes.
Arlington.....	P. C. Harris.
Spring Creek Mission.....	to be supplied by J. B. McCullough.
Bainbridge.....	R. L. Honiker.
Trinity.....	J. W. Weston.
Decatur.....	T. K. Leonard.
Cairo.....	J. J. Giles.
Camilla and Newton.....	P. S. Twitty.
Albany and Mission.....	H. P. Myers.
Leesburg.....	to be supplied by W. M. Russell.
Worth Mission.....	S. N. Tucker.
Georgetown.....	L. G. R. Wiggins.
Springvale.....	S. R. Weaver.

**Thomasville District—J. M. AUSTIN, PRESIDING ELDER.**

Thomasville.....	E. A. H. McGehee.
{ Boston.....	W. M. Watts.
{ Spring Hill.....	P. H. Crumpler.
Quitman.....	Walker Lewis.
{ Morven.....	J. E. Sentell.
{ Moultrie.....	C. E. Boland.
{ Valdosta.....	J. P. Wardlaw.
{ Lowndes and Echols Mission.....	A. P. Wright.
Nashville.....	L. A. Darsey.
{ Stockton Mission.....	W. H. Thomas.
{ Waresboro.....	J. B. Culpepper.
Jesup.....	J. L. Williams.



Blackshear and Waycross.....	H. W. Key.
{ Centre Village.....	to be supplied by S. S. Moore.
{ St. Mary's.....	W. A. Green.
Camden.....	T. S. Armistead.
Brunswick and Mission.....	J. O. A. Cook.
Darien.....	R. M. Lockwood.
{ Hinesville and Mission.....	J. M. Marshall.
{ Bryan Mission.....	W. M. C. Conley.

**Altamaha District—J. V. M. MORRIS, PRESIDING ELDER.**

Scarboro.....	J. J. Morgan.
Dublin.....	J. S. Jordan.
Wrightsville.....	D. O'Driscoll.
Eastman Mission.....	D. C. Pope.
{ Swainsboro.....	to be supplied by J. R. Ware.
{ Conuchee Mission.....	W. J. Flanders.
Jacksonville.....	W. F. Conley.
Oconee.....	H. C. Fentress.
Reidsville.....	J. Spence.
Holmesville.....	I. F. Carey.
Ocmulgee.....	W. F. Roberts.
South Coffee Mission.....	to be supplied.

G. J. Pearce, G. W. Hardaway, G. R. Kramer, W. T. McMichael, James Jones, and Miller H. White, transferred to the North Georgia Conference.  
J. F. Henderson transferred to the Arkansas Conference.

## ASSESSMENTS FOR 1874.

	CONFERENCE.	BISHOPS.
Savannah District.....	\$1,800 00	\$ 360 00
Macon District.....	1,700 00	340 00
Columbus District.....	1,800 00	360 00
Americus District.....	1,400 00	280 00
Dawson District.....	1,000 00	200 00
Thomasville District.....	1,100 00	220 00
Altamaha District.....	200 00	40 00
Aggregate.....	\$9,000 00	\$1,800 00

**ASSESSMENT FOR MISSIONS.**

Savannah District.....	\$ 2,100 00
Columbus District.....	2,100 00
Macon District.....	1,750 00
Americus District.....	1,750 00
Thomasville District.....	1,500 00
Dawson District.....	1,500 00
Altamaha District.....	300 00
	<u>\$11,000 00</u>

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

Omitting in this place mere statistics, the Secretary for the Board presents the following reflections:

Clearly enough it appears that the labor and money have not been expended in vain, and equally manifest is the conviction that the work must not be abandoned nor supplies diminished. Christianity is by its very genius and by authority of its founder a missionary institution. "Jesus went about doing good" in every possible way, even sacrificing himself for the souls of men. The Apostles went forth everywhere, "without purse or scrip, for the laborer was worthy of his hire."

It is God's plan to save men by men, not by etherial beings that can subsist on thought and emotion. Hence, if men must preach, they must be paid, and more liberally if they work cheerfully.

The revenues of the Board are not equal to the demand, indeed the discrepancy is painfully great. Your Treasurer reports ability to pay only fifty cents in the dollar to the claimants on the annual missionary collection. Be it remembered, these claims are small, even if paid in full. Worse still for the missionary is the plan of paying missionary money chiefly at the end of the year, thus compelling these laborers to endure aggravated hardship by resorting to shifts painful in the extreme, and making them live on credit at starvation prices. The Board earnestly insists on raising this collection early in the year, never later than March and April—the sooner the better. Money is usually more abundant at the beginning of the year, and it is then most imperatively needed. Postponement is wrong for obvious reasons. It leads not only to the damage of the missionary, but to serious damage of the superannuated. The collections, by delay, are complicated, often compounded—one interferes with another, and all are hindered. These collections should never be combined. A faithful man can usually get as much for each as he can for both when blended. Zeal for missionary operations seems to be waning in the churches, and too little effort is made to cultivate a wide and expansive liberality of sentiment and means. The liberality in this matter does not correspond to the magnitude of the interests involved. Isolated cases there are, and are very noticeable for their infrequency and as a burning rebuke to the prevailing lethargy in the Conference at large. One city in the Conference contributed more missionary money than several Districts, and some others equally able are far behind. Such inequalities ought not to exist. Such want of appreciation of a great cause is mournful. Whatever may be the explanation or excuse, the facts should lead to close examination. Christianity can only live and thrive by growing and expanding. If there be little need for the gospel among pagans, true logic leads to the conclusion there was no need for it among us—the logical terminus being this, Christianity is worthless, if not worse, and ought to be abandoned as a pestilent superstition.

The Board believes that the work of spreading the gospel in heathen countries can never assume much magnitude until there is a different organization. The foreign and home departments ought to be completely separated. Various views obtain among wise and holy men as to the best schemes for carrying the gospel into all the world as Christ directed. This is not the time and place to enter into elaborate discussion of the subject. The Board are glad to know it is receiving much consideration, and lively hope is entertained that at an early day a method will be presented and accepted which will work efficiently and without friction. Let press and pulpit give more prominence to the topic. Preachers must enlarge their views by increasing their intelligence in the matter. A vigorous campaign should be planned against infidelity and superstition and prosecuted with the zeal of Jesus and his Apostles when they sought to plant the banner of the cross over the citadel of the Cæsars. The preaching of the cross may yet, as in

ancient times, be deemed foolishness, but it is now, as then, "the power of God and the wisdom of God."

Corruptions roll like a flood over the land, and virtue seems almost destined to defeat and extinction, but there is no remedy except the peals of Sinai and the wailing and weeping of Calvary. Philosophy makes men wiser, not better. Civilization, as it advances without an equal movement of Christian forces, is a splendid delusion, a rapid and sure way to damnation. What if the intellect be expanded and elevated, if at the same time the affections be dwarfed and contracted? How can the world be saved from a supercilious denial of God's being and authority, or from a drivelling superstition, except by clear and just conceptions of him and mankind in all their relations. "What man knoweth the things of a man but the spirit of man which is in him? even so no man knoweth the things of God but the spirit of God."

Revelation is a moral necessity. If it has been made, a knowledge of its truths is essential to human dignity and honorable destiny. May the Church awake and put on her strength and put it forth. "Out of Zion God hath shined the perfection of beauty." "Arise and shine for thy light is come, and the glory of God hath risen upon thee."

All of which is respectfully submitted. J. W. HINTON, *Secretary*.

N. B. There are 20 missions in the Conference, having 35 or 50 churches and many more preaching places. There are reported 1,730 members; 225 received during the year. Adults baptized, 68; infants, 21. Sunday-schools, 16; pupils, 306. These missions have raised towards their own support near \$2,000, averaging about \$100 each. There was appropriated by the Board about \$6,000, of which the missionaries received only fifty cents in the dollar, making their average pay about \$250, including the payments of their charges.

J. W. H.

### TREASURER'S REPORT.

*George G. N. MacDonell, Treasurer, in Account with Board of Missions South Georgia Annual Conference.*

Dr.

#### SAVANNAH DISTRICT.

Savannah—Trinity—H. H. Parks, gen'l collec'n.....	\$245 47	
" " S. S. Missionary Society.....	612 38	\$ 857 85
" Wesley Church—Geo. G. N. MacDonell.....		
" " S. S. Missionary Society.....	400 00	
Hinesville Circuit—W. G. Boothe.....	51 50	
Springfield Circuit—N. D. Morehouse.....	65 00	
Sylvania Circuit—W. T. McMichael.....	50 00	
Bethel Circuit—E. J. Burch.....	50 00	
Alexander Circuit—J. A. Rosser.....	40 60	
Waynesboro Circuit—Geo. S. Johnson.....	71 00	
Bethany Circuit—T. B. Lanier, general collection.....	117 95	
Bethany S. S. Missionary Society.....	107 35	225 30
Louisville Circuit.....	119 30	
Sandersville Station—J. F. Mixon.....	17 00	
Davisboro Circuit—J. S. Jordan.....	38 90	
Washington Circuit—S. N. Tucker.....	10 00	
Gibson Circuit—J. W. Domingos.....	4 00	
Bryan Neck—R. N. Andrews.....	15 00	
Special collection for Dr. Pierce.....	205 75	

\$2,211 20

## MACON DISTRICT.

Macon—Mulberry Street and Vineville—J. O. Branch, general collection	\$321 00, S. S. Miss. Society \$101 40—	\$ 422 40
East Macon and City Mission—R. M. Lockwood.....		80 00
Macon—First Street—G. J. Pearce.....		90 61
Macon Circuit—C. J. Toole.....		32 00
Gordon Circuit—B. H. Sasnett.....		5 75
Irwinton Circuit—F. W. Flanders.....		18 85
Jeffersonville Circuit—D. O'Driscoll.....		31 00
Fort Valley and Marshallville—F. A. Branch.....		204 25
Crawford Circuit—W. W. Tidwell.....		20 00
Providence Circuit—J. W. Glenn.....		11 75
Perry Station—Walter Knox.....		31.00
Hayneville Circuit—J. R. Littlejohn.....		132 60
Hawkinsville Station—R. J. Corley.....		42 00
Special collection for Dr. Pierce.....		35 00
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		\$1,157 21

## COLUMBUS DISTRICT.

Columbus—St. Luke—J. S. Key, general collection..	\$ 27 00	
“ S. S. Missionary Society.....	191 50—	\$ 218 50
“ St. Paul—A. Wright, general collection	116 30	
“ S. S. Missionary Society.....	34 00—	150 30
Girard—Trinity and Asbury—J. W. Simmons.....		30 00
Cataula Circuit—R. L. Wiggins.....		50 00
Hamilton Circuit—D. R. McWilliams.....		160 00
Talbotton—K. W. Dixon, general collection.....	36 50	
“ S. S. Missionary Society.....	66 00—	102 50
Talbot Circuit—L. B. Payne.....		95 75
Geneva Circuit—L. G. R. Wiggins.....		5 50
Butler Circuit—W. M. D. Bond.....		12 00
Buena Vista—W. W. Stewart.....		64 00
Glen Alta—C. C. Hines.....		26 25
Cusseta—R. F. Evans.....		71 20
Lumpkin Station—A. J. Dean, general collection.....	32 05	
“ “ S. S. Missionary collection.....	10 20—	42 25
Special collection for Dr. Pierce.....		224 00
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		\$1,252 25

## AMERICUS DISTRICT.

Americus—A. M. Wynn, general collection.....	\$ 50 00	
“ S. S. Missionary Society.....	50 00—	\$ 100 00
Bethel Circuit—J. J. Boring.....		11 35
Magnolia Spring Circuit—P. S. Twitty.....		83 75
Ellaville Circuit—J. M. Marshall.....		24 50
Smithville Circuit—Wesley Lane.....		11 00
Oglethorpe—J. B. Wardlaw.....		20 10
Montezuma—J. W. Burke.....		25 00
Vienna Circuit—James Spence.....		6 65
Dawson and Enterprise—George C. Clarke.....		24 50
Weston Circuit—J. T. Ainsworth.....		45 00
Stewart Circuit—J. M. Potter.....		15 75
Florence Circuit—G. T. Embry.....		12 50
Special collection for Dr. Pierce.....		75 40
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		\$ 455 50

BAINBRIDGE DISTRICT.

Bainbridge—S. D. Clements.....	\$ 36 00
Decatur Circuit—P. C. Harris.....	23 00
Trinity Circuit—A. M. Williams .....	16 00
Fort Gaines and Blakely—W. M. Hayes.....	45 00
Camilla—D. Blalock.....	16 00
Cairo—J. J. Giles.....	30 50
Albany—R. F. Williamson.....	25 00
Cuthbert—B. F. Breedlove.....	40 00
Spring Vale—S. R. Weaver.....	10 00
Georgetown, Midway and St. Paul's—J. B. McGehee.....	25 00
Terrell Circuit—E. J. Rentz.....	30 00
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	\$ 296 50

THOMASVILLE DISTRICT.

Thomasville—E. A. H. McGehee.....	\$ 105 00
Spring Hill Circuit—J. D. Mauldin.....	28 25
Grooverville Circuit—W. M. Watts .....	15 00
Quitman—S. S. Sweet.....	50 00
Morven Circuit—J. E. Sentell.....	74 10
Valdosta—J. P. Wardlaw .....	50 00
Lowndes and Echols Mission—A. P. Wright.....	14 90
Stockton Circuit.....	17 00
Jesup Circuit—J. L. Williams. ....	9 00
Blackshear and Junction—H. P. Myers, gen'l coll'n..	\$33 20
“ S. S. collection.....	5 00—
Waresboro Circuit—J. B. Culpepper.....	15 00
Wayneville Circuit—T. S. Armistead.....	15 75
Centrevillage—W. H. Thomas.....	1 00
St. Mary's—W. J. Green.....	15 00
Brunswick—J. O. A. Cook.....	50 00
Darien and McIntosh—R. L. Honiker.....	50 00
Special collection for Dr. Pierce.....	10 00
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	\$ 558 20

ALTAMAHA DISTRICT.

Scarboro Circuit—J. J. Morgan.....	\$ 25 00
Dublin Circuit—G. W. Hardaway.....	48 75
Wrightsville Circuit—W. T. Rea.....	2 00
County Line.....	5 00
Oconee Circuit—H. C. Fentress.....	22 25
Altamaha Circuit—W. F. Conley .....	1 00
Reidsville Circuit—R. D. Gentry.....	10 50
Nashville Mission.....	2 05
Alapaha Mission—David Morrison .....	5 00
Ocmulgee Circuit—W. F. Roberts.....	6 00
Special collection for Dr. Pierce .....	16 25
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	\$ 143 80

AGGREGATE COLLECTIONS.

Savannah District.....	\$2,211 20
Macon District.....	1,157 21
Columbus District.....	1,252 25
Americus District.....	455 50
Bainbridge District.....	296 50

*Treasurer's Report.*

Amount brought forward.....	\$5,872 66
Thomasville District.....	558 20
Altamaha District.....	143 80
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	\$6,074 66
Anniversary Collection.....	107 45
From T. T. Christian, Treasurer.....	24 00
Balance on hand at last report.....	12 59
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	\$6,218 70

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*By amounts paid Missionaries as follows:*

Geo. G. N. MacDonell—Wesley Ch. and City Mis..	\$250 00	
W. T. McMichael—Millen.....	100 00	
W. M. C. Conley—Bryan.....	100 00	
L. A. Dasey—Herndon.....	150 00	-\$ 600 00
R. M. Lockwood—East Macon and City Mis.....	300 00	
R. J. Corley—Hawkinsville and Mission.....	150 00	
W. D. Bussey—Cochran.....	150 00	
W. H. Rogers—Pulaski and Wilcox.....	100 00—	700 00
W. F. Robison—Wesley Chapel.....	250 00	
C. C. Hines—Glen Alta and Mission.....	150 00—	400 00
Wesley Lane—Smithville and Mission.....	75 00	
J. W. Boring—Dooley.....	75 00	
W. M. Russell—Worth.....	100 00—	250 00
R. H. Howren—Spring Creek.....	250 00	
R. F. Williamson—Albany and Mission.....	200 00—	450 00
A. P. Wright—Lowndes and Echols.....	75 00	
J. W. Talley—Stockton.....	125 00	
T. S. Armistead—Wayneville.....	100 00	
J. O. A. Cook—Brunswick and City Mis.....	250 00—	550 00
J. V. M. Morris—Altamaha District.....	125 00	
W. F. Conley—Altamaha Mission.....	75 00	
W. F. Bearden—Moultrie.....	50 00	
J. W. Watts—Nashville.....	75 00	
Daniel Morrison—Alapaha.....	75 00—	400 00
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	\$ 3,350 00	
By amount remitted A. H. Redford, Treasurer.....	2,000 00	
“ “ special donation to Savannah City Mission from Trinity S. S. Missionary Society.....	200 00	
“ “ paid Dr. Pierce, Conference Missionary.....	566 40	
“ “ J. W. Burke & Co. for printing Minutes.....	95 05	
Balance on hand.....	7 25	
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	\$6,218 70	

## REPORT ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

The Board of Managers of the Sunday-school Society, South Georgia Conference, beg leave to make the following report :

The last few years constitute a period of trials and revolutions throughout the civilized world. Change has followed change until old things are rapidly passing away. The hand of providence seems to be drifting the formative agencies of society to some grand culmination of events. And among the active forces of these revolutionary times none are more conspicuous than the modern Sunday-school excitement, which so largely pervades the Protestantism of the age. Its magnitude already commands the consideration of the civilized world, and its praise is in all the churches. If the sparrow cannot fall without divine cognizance, and the very hairs of our heads are all numbered by omniscience, surely this grand movement is not without deepest providential significance. As such is its prominence, may it not be the method by which the Almighty will so turn "the hearts of the fathers to the children and the hearts of the children to the fathers," as shall hasten the prophetic day when "a little child shall lead them?" The conversion of old and hardened sinners is a forlorn hope in most cases ; but a wise and well directed Sunday-school system may rear a generation of converted children, and thus present a people ready prepared for the Lord. If the world is ever laid as a trophy at the Redeemer's feet, it must be done by nipping evil in the bud and by strangling sin in the birth ; and there is no agency known among men so potent for this great work as the Sunday-school influence—forming, as it does, the link between parental care and mature church obligation.

The relation of Methodism to this glorious institution of modern christianity is vital, honorable and encouraging, and her obligations to it are commensurate with the demands of its broad and growing mission. The primitive church had her schools of catechumens, and more modern religious bodies have made sporadic efforts in this direction ; but it was not until the year 1769, that Hannah Ball, a Methodist lady, "established a school in Wycombe, England, and was instrumental in training many children in the knowledge of the holy scriptures." Only twenty-two years later, Miss Cooke, another Methodist lady, was in conversation with Robert Raikes, of Gloucester, when he pointed to groups of neglected children, saying, "What shall we do for them?" To which she replied : "Let us teach them to read and take them to church." The suggestion was accepted, and "soon Mr. Raikes and his female friend conducted the first company of Sunday-school scholars to church, exposed to the comments and laughter of the populace as they passed along the streets with their ragged procession." Thus was the present system of Sunday-schools originated. And these facts all attest that Methodism holds an honored material relation to this prosperous child of the church in its inception and organization. Mr. Wesley published the plan of holding these schools in 1784, recommending them to his people, and thenceforward they became an integral part of the most powerful of all modern religious reforms. Such has been its prosperity, that the various branches of Methodism alone number near three million of Sunday-school scholars ; and these, together with other protestant communions, swell the number to a vast multitude—although the institution is only in its eighty-ninth year. The will of God concerning this institution may be expressed to the church in the language of Pharaoh's daughter to the mother of Moses : "Take this child and nurse it for me." Nor can any Methodist, minister or layman, ignore this charge and yet be guiltless before God. The history of the church shows that those religious bodies which refuse this important care are rapidly losing their influence in the religious world. Neither can Methodism shun or mitigate this responsibility without labeling herself for decline and ruin. Under the present order of providence, the Sunday-school is vital to the prosperity of the church.



But, grand and useful as this system is, it is not without its difficulties and its dangers. These dangers will appear from several considerations. The mission of the Sunday-school is to so instruct the children in the knowledge of the holy scriptures as to "make them wise unto salvation;" and anything that prevents or hinders this heaven-born purpose is a blight and a curse to the cause of Christ—it is destroying the seed corn of the church. It may be endangered from the overwhelming popularity of the movement, which may generate a morbid enthusiasm whose chief influence will be the substitution of a plausible worldliness for spiritual life and power—looking only to the popular éclat of numbers. The magnitude of its patronage may brood another danger, by stimulating greedy publishers to the production of an unsanctified literature and music, which will poison while it gratifies. And the influx of a large number of unconverted teachers and scholars, attended by these influences, may install a casual regime which will pander to unlawful and doubtful amusements, and at the same time relax all wholesome spiritual discipline. Through the frivolous tendencies of modern society too, the spirit and purpose of this glorious institution may be toned down to the level of a mere social compact, suited only to the tastes of the giddy and thoughtless "lovers of pleasure more than of God." There is great danger to the spiritual character of the Sunday-school influence from this quarter. It is a fearful thing to rear our children in such a quasi connection with the word of God, as to make such undue influences render its sacred teachings "a savor of death unto death rather than of life unto life." But we hope better things of our Sunday-schools, though we thus speak, even "things that accompany salvation."

To remedy these difficulties and arrest these dangers, we most earnestly urge the attention of all our schools to our own Sunday-school literature and to the maintenance of a close spiritual discipline. We can but deprecate the fact that many of our schools neglect our uniform lessons, ignore our Wesleyan catechisms and reject our own select music—substituting them with mongrel libraries, many of whose publications are obnoxious to our doctrines and averse to our polity as a church. We think it no vain boasting to say we have a lesson system, a system of catechetical divinity, a compilation of music, and a number of commentaries, bible dictionaries and other theological works, equal, if not superior to any in the land, and in which there is no moral poison; and why then seek the mixed waters which flow from dubious fountains? We commend our own publications to our own people. Nor can we close this report without urging kindly and earnestly upon all our people the absolute necessity of close, persevering, spiritual discipline in all our schools. A pure literature, pious, devoted teachers, and correct moral discipline, will insure a good school and inure to the salvation of the children. And to these add unity, energy, patience and faith, and the power of our Sunday-school system for good will rise like wave after wave until millions yet unborn shall be landed upon the "shining shore" where they will be "forever with the Lord."

It was the purpose of your Board to render full and complete statistics in every respect; but the data not being furnished, they must be content with a very meagre report in this direction:

At the close of the year 1872 we reported 276 schools, 1,850 officers and teachers, 11,479 pupils, and \$1,545 50 collected from Sunday-schools for missionary purposes.

At the close of the year 1873 we report 278 schools; 1,724 officers and teachers, 11,201 pupils, and \$1,419 60 raised from these schools for missionary purposes.

Increase during the year 1873: 2 schools; decrease during the same period, 156 officers and teachers; decrease of Sabbath-school pupils, 278; and a decrease of \$125 90 in the missionary contributions from the Sabbath-schools.



These are sad statistical facts. The late financial panic may be some apology for the decline of missionary moneys collected, but how can we account for this falling off in teachers and scholars? These figures represent great want of Sunday-school zeal upon the part of our people, or culpable negligence on the part of our ministry. These facts certainly commend themselves to the conscience and prayerful sense of obligation in every minister and layman of our Conference. Can we consent to such a decrease the ensuing year? Verily, this is no time to slacken our zeal, when the public school systems are seeking to drive the bible from the common schools of the country.

A. J. DEAN, *Secretary.*

### REPORT ON ORPHANS' HOME.

Report of the Committee on the Orphans' Home, South Georgia Conference, Macon, December 17th, 1873.

The Commission appointed at the last session of the South Georgia Conference on the Orphans' Home, beg leave to submit the following report:

At an early day after the adjournment of the Conference, the commission met in Macon. They had a free and full conference with several gentlemen, citizens of Macon, and received from them the tender of the following property for an orphans' home, subject to the considerations hereinafter mentioned, to-wit: ninety-four acres of land situated about two miles from the city, with a good house containing ten rooms; also, several smaller out-buildings. There are twenty-six acres under fence, with a fine orchard of fruit trees, and vineyard of choice grape vines; a fine, never failing spring of water, with bathing and washing house, and fixtures complete; several head of cattle, one mule, and all the fixtures, furniture, tools, wagons, etc.

The only condition required was that we should never divert the use of the property from an Orphans' Home, or remove it from the county of Bibb, though we might change it to any other place when it was clearly ascertained that the interest of the Home would be promoted thereby.

We accepted the property with the conditions stated, and applied for a charter according to law. This has been granted, and the charter recorded. The titles have all been made out, and the deeds signed and executed by the proper authorities, and they are herewith submitted to this Conference as a part of this report.

The agent has gone forward carefully, and reports that there are now eleven children, who are orphans indeed, who are inmates of this home, and are being fed, clothed and educated.

The house has been thoroughly repaired and painted, the fencing has all been put in good condition, a large garden paled in, and is in good order. A good crop of corn, potatoes, peas and other vegetables has been raised on the place. All the children, and the persons employed on the place have enjoyed good health and are happy, either at school or at work.

From all this it will be seen that the prospects of the Home are exceedingly encouraging, and it is very gratifying to your commission to be able to report that the operations of the year give manifest promise of future and certain success.

SAMUEL ANTHONY, for the Board.

### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The Committee on Education, in submitting their report, deem it unnecessary to enter into an elaborate argument to show the necessity of sustaining our institutions of learning, male and female. Nor do they propose to deal in fulsome eulogy of their great success or in extravagant prophecies of their future achievements. While we rejoice in the noble work they have

already accomplished, amidst trials and discouragements of no ordinary magnitude, we feel a profound anxiety for their future—a future full of perils yet full of hope.

There has never been a period in the history of this country when education commanded more attention in Church and State than at the present time. The liberal provision made by our several municipal governments, and by the State authorities, for the education of the masses, clearly indicates a general interest and deep concern on this subject. The State would henceforth have itself regarded not as the enemy but as the friend of education, and yet it is to be deeply deplored that in certain public schools of the land the bible is excluded. That book on whose sublime truths rests every hope that is imperishable, and in whose revelations intellectual beings can alone find those lessons most important to be known, is denied a name and a place. It is true that the State ought not to be the propagandist of creeds, or the teacher of religious dogmas, or the champion of a church. But this is by no means involved in the obligation to allow the bible its proper place in human culture and development. Denominational institutions cannot, ought not to be superseded or displaced by the common schools of the country, though they offer inducements in the form of free tuition and mere nominal expenses. All education should be infused with religious truth. The Church has her theatre of action and industry, from which she cannot be excused; and by endowments we should seek to place all our colleges in an attitude where we may successfully cope with all other institutions of like grade. If we submit to be taxed, in order to sustain our common school system, let us nobly contribute of our means to support the institutions of the Church, until education afforded by the Church shall be as cheap as that afforded by the State.

In this view, we are glad that an endowment is proposed to be raised for Emory College. Let the church enter on this work vigorously, and never cease her contributions until the end is attained. Thus will the church be placed side by side with the State, and be eminently qualified to meet its solemn responsibilities and ask for public patronage.

**EMORY COLLEGE.**—We are glad to learn that this institution is still doing a good work for the country. With a competent and faithful Faculty; with class and prayer meetings among the students and the prevalence of a high, moral and religious sentiment; with every facility for intellectual culture, and the prospect of new and commodious buildings, the Church should make its patronage bear some proportion to its merits. The College classes for the past year numbered 122—the Academic 70. The patronage has been good, considering the stringency of the times. A gracious religious influence has prevailed during the year.

**WESLEYAN FEMALE COLLEGE.**—We are satisfied that this institution was never more worthy of public patronage. The present year was one of brilliant success, though the small pox panic interrupted the exercises for about six weeks. Thirty-eight young ladies graduated at the last Commencement. The present monetary crisis has reduced the patronage about one-fourth. We confidently expect, however, a large increase on the return of our usual prosperity. The College has also been blessed with a revival during the year.

**ANDREW FEMALE COLLEGE.**—At the last Commencement, President McGehee resigned, and Professor A. H. Flewellen was elected to fill the vacancy. The selection was an admirable one. One hundred and twenty pupils have been in attendance the present year, and the Trustees look forward with confidence to a large increase.

**LEVERT FEMALE COLLEGE.**—This institution, located at Talbotton, presents many claims upon the Church for its support, and we are pleased to know that the patronage has been very encouraging the past year.

The following resolutions, which were referred to your Committee, touching the endowment of Emory College, they hereby report back to the Conference and recommend their adoption, viz :

*Resolved*, 1. That this Conference has heard with great interest and pleasure the memorial and accompanying circular of the Board of Trustees of Emory College, asking the Church for an endowment of \$500,000, and the co-operation of this Conference in this noble and generous enterprise.

2. That the purpose of the Trustees meets our hearty approval, and that we pledge ourselves to do all we can to make it a success.

3. That the preachers of this Conference be required to distribute the circulars that may be placed in their hands, and report to this body the amounts contributed in their respective charges to this specific object, and that the Statistical Secretary prepare a column in the annual statistical blanks for such contributions.

In conclusion, your Committee offer the following resolutions :

*Resolved*, 1. That we recognize anew our obligations to foster and support our institutions of learning, and hereby pledge ourselves to greater diligence in securing the patronage they so richly deserve.

2. That the third Sabbath in June next be set apart as a day of special prayer, both private and public, in order to invoke the blessing of God upon them.

3. That we request the presiding Bishop to appoint Rev. O. L. Smith, President, and Rev. I. S. Hopkins, Professor of Emory College, and Rev. E. H. Myers, President, and Revs. C. W. Smith and W. C. Bass, Professors of the Wesleyan Female College.

Respectfully submitted.

ARMINIUS WRIGHT, *Chairman*.

## REPORT ON STATE OF THE CHURCH.

The committee appointed to take into consideration the state of the Church within the bounds of the South Georgia Conference, beg leave to report as follows :

We have abundant reason to thank Almighty God that the candle-stick has not been removed from its place among us; that the light still burns on our altars, that divine grace is yet furnishing oil to feed the precious flame, and that in many places in our midst there are added to the Church such as shall be saved. It becomes us, as a Conference, to be very thankful for these continued marks of the divine favor—for these additional evidences of the long suffering and forbearance, the loving kindness and tender mercy of our gracious Saviour.

It becomes us at the same time, to mourn our backsliding from the high hills of Zion, on which our fathers stood—to sigh for the pure atmosphere, so near heaven, which they breathed, and to long for those visions of the glory land which can only be seen from an elevated stand-point of christian character. with an eye single to the glory of God, and through an atmosphere of love so clear and pure as almost to bring heaven within an arm's length of earth. Let our hearts aspire for a return to those high hills, to that pure atmosphere, to that single eye, that we may enjoy the beatific vision, take courage from the glorious river, press on to the mark of the prize of our high calling in Christ Jesus, make our own calling an election sure, and win souls, *multitudes of souls*, to Christ.

Let the united prayer go up from this Conference, and be echoed and re-echoed by every child of the Church within its bounds,—“create in us clean hearts, oh Lord, and renew right spirits within us; restore unto us *the joy* of thy salvation, and uphold us with thy *free* spirit; THEN shall we teach transgressors thy ways, and sinners shall be converted unto Thee.” Thank-

ful for the dews of grace that fall upon us now, let us pray for the showers of the olden time—glad that the gentle breeze sometimes favors our cheeks and moves our hearts, let us agonize for the sweeping storm that tears sin up by the roots and leaves the settled calm of a soul in full assurance of Faith—the peace of God that passeth all understanding.

We have not now those overwhelming evidences of the favor of God which closed the doors of public houses and stores, and converted for weeks the bustle of business into one Sabbath of the Lord; wherein all men in whole communities have continued by the invisible but imperious agency of the Divine Spirit to cease from all carnal pursuits, and to stand still in speechless awe and see the glory of God—to work alone with Him who worked in them to will and to do of His good pleasure.

What has clipped the locks on the brow of Samson, making him so? Why has Judah relaxed his grasp on the ceptre of his fathers?

God is the same yesterday, to-day, and forever. He changeth not. He is as ready to bless now as ever, and to bless us in the same way and for the same end—to satisfy the travail of the soul of His son, and to people heaven with redeemed and sanctified men.

The change must be in us. What is it?

We are not separate from sinners—there is not the broad line of demarkation between us and the world as in days gone by. Our people yield too much to frivolity and fashion, too often even, to vice and sin. Our people in some places, some of them, make, sell, buy and drink, as a beverage, spirituous liquors, which inevitable demoralize, if they do not destroy—which weaken and enervate every religious muscle, if they do not corrupt and putrify the whole heart and the entire body of a religious life. Our people, in many places, frequent and participate in amusements and diversions which cannot be done in the name of Jesus, with the spirit, the animus, of Him who went about doing good. The member of the Church of Christ sits side by side with the open scoffer at all sanctity in the theatre and the circus. The form of the professed follower of Christ floats through the mazes of the dance, in company with the lover of fashion, whose eyes never looked nor longed for a place nearer heaven than the floor of a ball-room. Around the same card table, the man of God, so-called, and the man of the world, contend with the same eagerness for victory, and enjoy it with the same zest, using the very same instruments of amusement which have wasted the intellects, beggared the fortunes, and ruined the souls of thousands of the best youth of the land.

Brethren: these things ought not so to be. We therefore submit the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, 1. That we recommend to all members of the Methodist Church within the limits of this Conference, to desist from these ungodly habits; and to our pastors, to enforce discipline upon all these points.

2. That the above Report and Resolutions be read in all the congregations within our bounds, with earnest exhortation to our members to refrain from the evils deprecated.

The committee would further suggest, that whereas, the General Conference of 1866 removed from the Discipline to the Preachers Manual, a section setting forth the long standing rules of our Church respecting several items of worldly conformity and sinful amusements and diversions, and whereas, this fact has given rise to the mistaken impression that the old Methodist rules on these subjects have been rescinded, and in consequence, these evils have grown: Therefore

*Resolved*, 1. That our Delegates to the next General Conference be requested to invite the attention of that body to these evils, and to urge upon it the necessity of a definite and unmistakable expression in the Discipline, of the opinion of the Church on these subjects, such as will lead to uniformity of administration in dealing with such evils.

2. That the said body be requested so to define, and if necessary, enlarge the law of the Church, on the subject of the distillation and use of spirituous liquors, that the evil may be driven entirely out of the Church.

## REPORT ON THE BIBLE CAUSE.

The Bible—what sublime and holy doctrines does it teach! what grand and ennobling truths does it disclose! what important duties does it enjoin! The Bible,—and with the Bible here is included its furniture, Christ and the Holy Spirit; for without Christ, the Bible would be of but little use to us, and without the Holy Spirit, it would have no life. The Bible—what exceeding great and precious promises does it contain! what glowing hopes does it set before us! How it carries back the mind to the earlier associations of life, when in childhood's hours we learned its important history, or in the Sunday-school we conned its invaluable lessons; and forward to the time when we shall be called away from earth to the brighter glories which its sacred pages unfold. The Bible—how much should we love it! how diligently should we study it! how should we dwell upon its sacred terms, until they are as familiar as household words! how carefully should we observe, and how unremittingly should we obey its heavenly instructions,—so that when the light of this world is fading away, and darkness is gathering around us, a brighter light may break upon our enraptured visions,—and when the music of earth shall no longer be heard, or shall die away like the mournful reverberations of the dying echo, we may catch the first glad notes of “the new song—the song of Moses and of the Lamb.”

And while we should love the Bible ourselves, and study it, we should seek to give it to others. Not only should we feel our own indebtedness to this word of life, but we should labor to give it a wider extension. We should not be satisfied with the fact, great and precious as it is, that this “word is a lamp unto our feet, and a light unto our path,” but should endeavor to send it out, until the foot-way of those around us shall be illumined, and until this holy lamp shall throw its brightening lustre upon lands which have been long lying in the darkness of a spiritual night.

The American Bible Society has done and is still doing, in this respect, a noble work. Can there be conceived anything more Christ-like, more in consonance with the spirit of our blessed Christianity, than to give this precious Book to those who have it not,—to send the Bible, without note or comment, and, consequently without denominational bias, to those who have no lamp in their houses, no light to guide them, no hope to cheer them along life's gloomy pathway, and whose children are growing up around them, without any correct knowledge of the God who made and redeemed them? Let us, as a conference of ministers and laymen, aid in this glorious enterprise, and do all that we can do to give a wider circulation to the scriptures of eternal truth.

It is to be feared that the Bible is not read and studied, even by those who are called by the sacred name of Christians, as it should be, that while the lighter productions of literature, and even the trashy publications of the age, are sought for with avidity, and read with interest, the Book of books, the precious volume of Divine inspiration, is overlooked or neglected—occupies the centre-table only as an elegant piece of furniture, or lies hidden away on the book-shelf, *unstudied, unread, unopened!* What must we think of the man who tells you that he is in pursuit of a better country, and who, although ignorant of the way and all concerning it, yet consults no guide, seeks no directions; and what consistency can there be in the conduct of those who, although they are professedly striving to get to hea-

ven, yet neglect the great and only chart and directory which God has given them? What else can be expected but that they will wander into forbidden paths and be forever lost amid the thickening gloom which is gathering around them. Oh! let us be wiser, and carefully read and diligently study this blessed and all-sufficient chart!

The Bible is the great text-book of Sunday-schools, and should hold a prominent place in all scientific and literary institutions; and wo be the day when it shall be banished from them as a thing of little worth, or in deference to the self-styled catholicity of those who know and care nothing for spiritual religion! Literature is invaluable, and science beyond all price; but it is when baptized with the spirit of a living Christianity. Divorced from the Bible, this value can at least be measured by time, and their light too often is like "the baleful flame which hovers over decaying mortality, and tells of the corruption that festers beneath."

Your Committee beg leave to present these resolutions:

*Resolved*, 1. That as a conference of ministers and lay members, we will heartily co-operate with the Agent of the American Bible Society, in the diffusion of the word of life.

2. That we carefully study the sacred scriptures ourselves, and as ministers will seek to impress upon our congregations the duty of reading and studying them.

3. That we recommend the introduction into schools of learning, as far, at least, as is practicable, the volume of God's inspiration.

W. KNOX, Chairman.

## REPORT ON SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.

The Committee to whom was referred the interests of the *Southern Christian Advocate* beg leave to report.

1st. The increased circulation of our church paper is cause for hearty gratification. The success already reached is demonstration of the fact that the subscription list may yet be greatly increased, with united and vigorous efforts on the part of the agents. We regret to see, by the exhibit of the publishers, that the arrearages of subscribers and agents involve embarrassment, and may entail ultimate loss to the paper. This indebtedness arises from the failure to enforce cash payments. We think it now a favorable time, and would recommend that the publishers adhere strictly to the cash principle.

2d. In view of a vacancy on the Board of the Publishing Committee, occasioned by the transfer of brother James E. Evans, we recommend the appointment of A. Wright as the representative of this Conference on said Board.

3d. We take pleasure in expressing our satisfaction at the present editorial management of the *Advocate*. Dr. Kennedy is a worthy successor of the illustrious men who have occupied the position.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. M. MARSHALL, Chairman.

## FASTING AND PRAYER.

*Resolved*, That the first Friday in April be appointed as a day of fasting and prayer for the revival of God's work throughout the Conference, and for the blessings of God upon the approaching session of the General Conference.



# MEMOIRS.

REV. WILLIAM MCCALL KENNEDY

Was born in Bulloch county, Georgia, May 18, 1817, and died in Jefferson county, Georgia, July 27, 1873.

Of his parentage, early life and training, we know but little more than that he was the subject of religious impressions when but a very small boy. When about fourteen years of age, he united with the Methodist Episcopal Church. When nineteen or twenty years of age, while at a manual labor school, two hundred miles from home, and in the full enjoyment of religion, he felt called to the work of the ministry. In a conference held with some of his friends on this subject, he was from some remark made by some of them to doubt whether he was really called to be a minister of the gospel of Christ. Of this he said in after years, "I do wish I had *then* engaged in the performance of that duty." He left home, entered into business with a purpose to make money, grew cold religiously, and finally backslided. He remained in this condition for about six years. In 1843 he was reclaimed, and appointed to the offices of steward and class leader in the Church. Coincident with the return of the love and grace of God to his heart, was the return of the conviction upon his mind that it was his duty to preach the gospel of Christ. Against this he struggled for two years. In December, 1844, he was licensed to exhort, and in 1845 he was licensed to preach. Then came another struggle. He felt it to be his duty to enter the itinerant ministry. With this conviction he warred for two years, when he obtained his full consent to give himself wholly to the work of God. In February, 1848, he was admitted into the Florida Conference. His first appointment was Black Creek circuit. He remained in that Conference, filling the various appointments assigned him—circuits, districts, a station and a college agency—with acceptability and usefulness, until the close of the year 1866, when he came to the South Georgia Conference with the retrocession of that part of Georgia which belonged to the Florida Conference prior to that time. From this time until his death he continued an acceptable and efficient member of the South Georgia Conference, filling with fidelity and zeal the various appointments assigned him.

In his manner and spirit he was genial, kind and sociable; in his christian life he was sincere and constant; and in his ministerial life he was devoted and faithful, and as a result of these virtues, useful. Without those shining talents which command the applause of men, he ranked high in that estimable class of devoted laborers, through whose instrumentality mainly the church is built up, and the number of its converts steadily increased. A goodly company of his spiritual children, doubtless, greeted his ransomed spirit as it touched the shining shore, while many still in the flesh follow on, animated with the hope of joining him at the end of the journey.

There was not a member of the South Georgia Conference, at its last annual session, whose appearance authorized more confident hope of long life, than did that of brother Kennedy. Robust and active, he gave promise of many remaining years of usefulness. At the last Conference he was appointed to the Louisville Circuit, to which he went, and upon which he entered in the early part of the year, with good heart and hope. He labored as his habit until in July, when he was attacked by pneumonia, and ten days thereafter, and without a struggle, he fell sweetly asleep in Jesus.

O. L. SMITH,  
R. B. LESTER,  
R. W. DIXON,  
Committee.

NAMES OF CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	MEMBERS.			BAPT'MS		S. SCHOOL STATISTICS.						
	Whites.	Colored.	Local Preachers.	Infants Baptized.	Adults Baptized.	S. Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	S. School Pupils.	S. School Requisites.	Volumes in Library.	Church Periodicals.	
SAVANNAH DISTRICT.												
Savannah—Trinity .....	520	.....	2	29	7	1	38	361	500	400	315	
Wesley Church & Mis'n .....	258	.....	.....	44	12	2	36	224	460	375	241	
Hinesville .....	428	7	9	16	18	7	35	260	200	350	65	
Bryan Mission .....	54	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7	
Springfield .....	432	3	3	18	11	6	28	180	224	75	50	
Sylvania and Millen Mission .....	521	.....	5	12	12	4	35	100	200	400	18	
Bethel .....	234	1	1	9	39	3	15	90	.....	.....	86	
Alexander .....	465	.....	2	.....	22	5	35	200	75	100	65	
Waynesboro .....	328	.....	.....	.....	5	3	.....	125	250	200	120	
Bethany .....	375	.....	3	18	152	4	24	166	224	440	65	
Louisville .....	367	.....	5	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Sandersville .....	118	.....	.....	2	18	1	15	90	158	188	10	
Davisboro .....	312	2	2	5	14	2	12	50	100	.....	78	
Washington .....	310	.....	.....	1	20	2	9	48	250	100	12	
Gibson .....	264	.....	1	.....	7	5	11	169	135	.....	13	
Herndon Mission .....	60	.....	.....	.....	4	1	3	20	.....	.....	38	
Total .....	5046	23	33	154	341	51	296	2083	2776	2628	1183	
MACON DISTRICT.												
Macon—Mulberry St. & Vineville.....	373	.....	2	6	2	2	46	284	1525	925	345	
East Macon and City Mission.....	187	.....	2	13	15	2	21	100	150	.....	20	
Macon—First Street.....	274	.....	1	3	.....	1	25	140	300	150	75	
Macon Circuit.....	397	.....	2	15	34	5	34	155	550	400	30	
Gordon.....	180	1	2	6	12	2	12	80	125	115	.....	
Irwinton.....	331	.....	2	.....	10	2	10	75	100	.....	75	
Jeffersonville.....	282	.....	2	2	20	3	13	63	.....	.....	.....	
Fort Valley and Marshallville.....	373	.....	5	9	4	2	33	211	494	419	175	
Crawford.....	315	.....	5	15	25	4	16	125	125	200	20	
Providence.....	141	.....	.....	4	4	1	5	52	35	40	29	
Perry.....	142	.....	4	.....	.....	1	17	85	.....	.....	.....	
Hayneville.....	377	.....	5	1	4	5	35	193	347	155	182	
Hawkinsville and Mission.....	76	.....	1	1	8	1	13	72	150	125	.....	
Cochran Mission.....	157	.....	1	.....	1	4	10	103	.....	.....	.....	
Pulaski and Wilcox Mission.....	135	.....	1	6	22	1	5	30	.....	.....	12	
Total.....	3740	1	35	81	161	36	295	1768	3901	2529	963	
COLUMBUS DISTRICT.												
Columbus—St. Luke.....	529	.....	3	18	22	1	35	315	850	425	280	
Girard—Trinity and Asbury.....	354	.....	1	15	45	3	37	265	210	315	15	
St. Paul's .....	244	.....	.....	1	.....	1	23	175	263	200	200	
Cataula .....	272	.....	.....	.....	12	4	16	90	75	60	.....	
Hamilton .....	274	.....	4	2	1	3	21	100	65	90	299	
Talbotton .....	187	.....	4	11	4	1	21	104	206	129	93	
Geneva .....	191	.....	4	.....	.....	3	18	84	.....	.....	20	
Butler .....	411	.....	8	3	11	6	56	207	.....	.....	.....	
Buena Vista .....	450	.....	6	10	40	5	16	100	.....	.....	102	
Glen Alta and Mission .....	255	.....	2	5	54	5	12	60	20	50	60	
Cusseta .....	390	.....	.....	15	59	3	14	80	100	150	38	
Lumpkin .....	149	.....	2	3	12	1	15	85	150	250	75	
Wesley Chapel .....	205	.....	.....	13	5	1	17	116	150	100	150	
Talbotton.....	535	.....	1	14	42	6	36	210	230	250	257	
Total .....	4446	.....	35	110	307	43	337	1991	2319	2019	1589	
AMERICUS DISTRICT.												
Americus .....	372	.....	4	4	8	1	24	155	100	200	150	
Bethel .....	344	.....	5	2	10	4	18	150	.....	.....	40	
Magnolia Springs .....	259	.....	3	3	3	5	23	145	164	270	32	
Ellaville .....	300	1	1	20	12	2	14	93	12	.....	134	
Smithville and Mission .....	270	.....	6	.....	23	4	.....	100	50	200	20	
Oglethorpe .....	293	.....	2	4	1	3	14	125	50	.....	.....	
Montezuma .....	116	.....	1	2	23	1	12	105	128	200	60	
Vienna .....	535	.....	4	6	7	8	32	350	.....	.....	20	
Dooly Mission .....	14	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Worth Mission .....	109	1	2	6	7	2	12	55	200	.....	6	
Dawson and Enterprise .....	280	.....	4	4	15	2	23	150	130	.....	80	
Weston .....	386	.....	1	7	5	4	19	158	132	.....	65	



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	Whites.	Colored.	Local Preachers.	Infants Baptized.	Adults Baptized.	S. Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	S. School Pupils.	S. School Requisites	Volumes in Library.		
Stewart.....	288	.....	2	10	21	4	17	263	200	75	30	
Florence.....	172	.....	2	3	9	5	25	180	200	250	85	
Total.....	3738	2	37	71	144	45	233	2029	1366	1195	722	

BAINBRIDGE DISTRICT.											
Bainbridge .....	148	.....	.....	5	.....	1	12	80	270	165	180
Decatur .....	300	.....	1	6	4	4	25	130	100	.....	40
Trinity .....	132	.....	.....	4	2	9	77	110	.....	500	16
Spring Creek Mission .....	60	.....	1	.....	7	2	12	50	.....	50	4
Fort Gaines and Blakely .....	300	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Morgan .....	93	.....	1	7	10	2	11	50	.....	.....	10
Camilla .....	250	.....	2	6	7	3	20	160	200	60	50
Cairo .....	320	.....	4	15	56	6	20	120	100	.....	25
Albany and Mission .....	106	.....	1	3	2	1	10	45	90	120	25
Cuthbert .....	200	.....	2	3	30	1	12	100	200	200	100
Spring Vale .....	259	.....	2	9	21	4	20	112	.....	200	20
Terrell .....	464	.....	5	3	25	6	26	219	50	30	60
Georgetown, Midway and St. Paul's .....	120	.....	3	.....	5	3	25	140	100	75	12
Total .....	2752	.....	27	61	169	35	202	1283	1220	1400	542

THOMASVILLE DISTRICT.											
Thomasville .....	200	.....	5	3	13	1	20	150	210	200	225
Spring Hill .....	124	.....	1	.....	5	2	5	40	.....	.....	14
Grooverville .....	347	.....	2	16	27	5	21	143	300	350	30
Quitman .....	113	.....	1	2	5	1	12	65	170	67	131
Morven .....	250	.....	1	3	5	4	24	118	108	85	23
Valdosta .....	125	.....	3	.....	11	1	17	88	208	.....	22
Lowndes and Echols Mission .....	217	.....	1	15	24	2	10	65	.....	.....	35
Jesup .....	220	.....	2	5	3	3	8	70	.....	50	7
Blackshear and Junction .....	90	.....	1	.....	13	2	15	145	138	35	21
Waresboro .....	540	12	8	5	125	3	15	60	180	150	20
Waynesville .....	120	.....	1	23	2	2	8	35	.....	.....	13
Centrevillage .....	186	.....	.....	9	6	3	11	75	150	250	6
St. Mary's .....	54	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	8	35	120	300	30
Brunswick and City Mission .....	154	.....	1	20	4	1	15	90	173	270	75
Darien and McIntosh .....	155	.....	.....	1	6	3	9	78	36	202	11
Stockton .....	66	.....	4	10	1	1	5	24	.....	.....	.....
Total .....	2961	12	31	112	250	35	203	1281	1793	1959	663

ALTAMAHA DISTRICT.											
Seabro .....	179	.....	2	20	.....	5	40	20	50	200	.....
Dublin .....	145	.....	.....	.....	1	1	6	20	20	.....	25
Wrightsville .....	348	.....	4	2	21	1	4	20	12	50	7
Swainsboro .....	392	.....	6	5	20	2	8	50	36	.....	12
Jacksonville .....	370	.....	2	9	1	4	23	110	.....	178	.....
Oconee .....	360	14	2	26	6	5	28	214	151	5	104
Altamaha .....	310	.....	1	25	18	6	26	145	.....	.....	15
Reidsville .....	368	.....	1	10	2	1	2	35	.....	.....	25
Moultrie Mission .....	147	.....	6	.....	24	3	7	47	.....	.....	5
Alapaha .....	225	.....	4	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ocmulgee .....	235	.....	.....	30	25	4	8	60	155	150	50
Holmesville .....	213	1	2	35	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	27
County Line .....	360	.....	3	7	26	1	6	45	.....	.....	13
Total .....	3652	15	33	173	150	33	158	766	424	658	283

RECAPITULATION.											
Savannah District .....	5046	23	33	154	341	51	296	2083	2776	2628	1183
Macon District .....	3740	1	35	81	161	36	295	1768	3901	2529	963
Columbus District .....	4446	.....	35	110	307	43	337	1991	2319	2019	1589
Americus District .....	3738	.....	37	71	144	45	233	2029	1366	1195	722
Bainbridge District .....	2752	.....	27	61	169	35	202	1283	1220	1400	542
Thomasville District .....	2961	12	31	112	250	35	203	1281	1793	1959	663
Altamaha District .....	3652	15	33	173	150	33	158	766	424	658	283
Total .....	26335	53	231	762	1522	278	1724	11201	13799	12388	5945
Last year .....	25724	.....	211	918	1703	276	1850	11479	15083	14402	5767
Increase .....	611	.....	20	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	178
Decrease .....	.....	.....	.....	156	181	.....	126	278	1284	2014	.....

NAMES OF CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	REAL ESTATE.					
	CHURCHES.			PARSONAGE'S		OTHER PROPERTY.
	Number.	Value.	Sittings.	Number.	Value.	Specifications. Value.
<b>SAVANNAH DISTRICT.</b>						
Savannah—Trinity.....	1	40000 00	700	1	12000 00	1 house. 15000 00
Wesley Ch. & Mis.....	1	10000 00	300	1		
Hinesville.....	7	2200 00	2000		200 00	1 Camp-ground. 500 00
Bryan Mission.....	2	300 00				
Springfield.....	8	4500 00	2400	1	500 00	
Sylvania and Millen Mis... Bethel.....	8 4	2100 00 1500 00	1 1500	1 1	150 00	
Alexander.....	4	8000 00	1300	1	500 00	
Waynesboro.....	4	12000 00	1200	1	2500 00	
Bethany.....	3	3500 00	900	1	900 00	1 Camp-ground. 2000 00
Louisville.....	7	4000 00	2500			1 Camp-ground. 2000 00
Sandersville.....	1	6000 00	600	1	2000 00	
Davisboro.....	5	2550 00	1200			
Washington.....	5	3000 00	1000			
Gibson.....	3	1500 00	600			
Herndon Mission.....	2	2500 00	600			
Total.....	66	101550 00	18900	8	18750 00	19500 00
<b>MACON DISTRICT.</b>						
Macon, Mul.St. & Vineville	2	31500 00	1100	1	2500 00	Wes. F. College. 110000
East Macon and City Mis..	2	4500 00	500			
Macon, First Street.....	1	16000 00	500	1	4000 00	1 Lot. 100
Macon Circuit.....	4	2500 00	1500			
Gordon.....	3	3700 00	600			
Irwinton.....	6	2500 00	1200			
Jeffersonville.....	5	1200 00	1500	1	1300 00	
Ft. Valley and Marsh'ville	2	9000 00	700	1	3000 00	
Crawford.....	6	2000 00	1200	1	500 00	
Providence.....	5	2250 00	1166			
Perry.....	1	5000 00	500			
Hayneville.....	6	8350 00	1600	1	1600 00	
Hawkinsville and Mission	1	3500 00	275			
Cochran Mission.....	3	500 00	300			
Pulaski and Wilcox Mis... Total.....	4 51	750 00 93250 00	750 13391		6 12900 00	110100
<b>COLUMBUS DISTRICT.</b>						
Columbus—St. Luke.....	1	25000 00	1200	1	3500 00	2 Organs. 2250 00
Girard—Trinity & Asbury..	3	2000 00	800			
St. Paul's.....	1	20000 00	600			Parsonage fur'te 800 00
Cataula.....	6	3000 00	2000			
Hamilton.....	4	3700 00	950			Furniture. 125 00
Talbotton.....	1	6000 00	400	1	1250 00	LeVert F. Col'ge 5000 00
Geneva.....	7	1000 00	1400			
Butler.....	6	1200 00	3300	1	1000 00	
Buena Vista.....	5		1330	1		1 Camp-ground.
Glen Alta and Mission.....	5	2500 00	1000			1 Camp-ground. 500 00
Cusseta.....	6	3000 00	1200			Furniture. 100 00
Lumpkin.....	1	300 00	400	1	500 00	
Wesley Chapel.....						
Talbotton.....	9	11100 00	2050	1	1000 00	
Total.....	55	78800 00	16630	6	7250 00	8775 00
<b>AMERICUS DISTRICT.</b>						
Americus.....	1	7000 00	500	1	3000 00	
Bethel.....	6	2500 00	1800	1	500 00	
Magnolia Springs.....	5	2700 00	1350	1	600 00	
Ellaville.....	5	5400 00	1175	1	600 00	1 Camp-ground. 600 00
Smithville and Mission....	4	2500 00	800			
Oglethorpe.....	7	2500 00	1900			
Montezuma.....	1	1000 00	300			
Vienna.....	5	5000 00				P. Fund. 340 00
Dooly Mission.....	3		500			
Worth Mission.....	4	550 00	800			
Dawson and Enterprise.....	2	2600 00	600			S. W. Ga. M. Inst 12000 00
Weston.....	4	2200 00	1050			

## MONEYS RAISED DURING THE CONFERENCE YEAR.

For Building, Repairing and Furnishing.	For the Pastor and his Assistants.	For the Pre- siding Elder.	For the Bishops.	For the Confer- ence Collection	For Missions.	Education of Young Men for Ministry.	For Sunday Schools in the charge.	Conversions in the S. Schools.	In aid of other Church enterprises.
100 00	2000 00	425 00	75 00	500 00	857 85	50 00	98 00	.....	1000 00
425 80	1200 00	125 00	36 10	100 00	400 00	20 00	127 80	.....	320 18
40 00	480 00	80 00	.....	50 00	51 50	7 65	15 00	.....	35 00
100 00	52 25	.....	.....	.....	15 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
500 00	700 00	150 00	15 00	64 00	65 00	11 52	10 00	.....	141 00
150 00	522 00	100 00	15 00	10 00	50 00	10 70	2 00	.....	.....
13 00	346 28	70 00	15 70	31 85	50 00	2 38	5 50	35	.....
100 00	766 45	149 55	45 00	44 60	40 60	13 00	.....	.....	140 00
130 00	1300 00	275 00	60 00	70 00	71 60	30 20	130 00	.....	35 00
.....	.....	.....	25 00	120 00	225 30	19 45	.....	28	.....
.....	450 00	75 00	7 50	52 00	109 30	9 30	.....	.....	15 00
280 00	690 40	81 00	19 25	10 65	17 00	.....	44 20	.....	.....
.....	258 95	124 00	43 45	49 25	38 90	5 05	15 00	.....	3 45
28 00	93 00	26 50	7 00	.....	.....	5 75	3 00	.....	6 00
65 00	100 35	62 00	1 00	2 00	4 00	.....	34 00	.....	5 00
.....	130 85	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1931 80	9090 53	1743 05	375 00	1104 35	2005 45	185 00	484 50	63	1700 63
355 00	2500 00	550 00	70 00	428 00	422 40	15 00	121 50	4	374 88
150 00	435 00	43 50	.....	25 00	80 00	.....	43 80	.....	.....
75 00	750 00	70 00	14 25	19 10	90 61	.....	50 00	.....	125 56
.....	321 00	87 00	5 00	5 00	32 00	.....	15 00	.....	.....
1000 00	184 00	65 00	6 00	10 00	5 75	.....	16 00	.....	125 00
.....	205 15	55 00	6 50	12 35	18 85	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	274 00	39 00	15 00	32 00	31 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
80 00	1300 00	200 00	40 00	200 00	204 25	25 00	115 72	.....	180 00
75 00	506 95	46 25	5 00	16 55	20 00	.....	40 00	.....	.....
.....	186 15	30 20	10 00	7 25	11 75	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	672 00	90 00	16 00	41 00	31 00	.....	37 00	.....	15 00
.....	901 25	156 00	35 00	91 00	132 60	.....	83 00	.....	.....
425 00	932 00	78 00	10 00	42 00	42 00	.....	75 00	.....	.....
300 00	108 62	21 35	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00	.....	.....
.....	270 00	30 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
2460 00	9546 12	1561 30	222 75	929 25	1122 21	40 00	600 02	.....	820 44
784 00	2000 00	350 00	60 00	186 05	218 50	10 00	191 76	.....	400 00
.....	800 00	75 00	10 00	25 00	30 00	5 00	113 00	.....	13 00
572 00	2000 00	325 00	45 00	150 00	150 30	.....	61 00	.....	65 00
.....	843 08	141 92	30 00	50 00	50 00	.....	35 00	.....	.....
125 00	803 85	168 15	28 00	97 00	160 00	.....	22 20	.....	.....
31 35	1000 00	166 00	25 00	102 50	102 50	.....	25 00	.....	100 00
.....	495 00	66 00	6 00	10 00	5 50	.....	.....	.....	.....
35 00	780 60	133 90	25 00	12 00	12 00	.....	30 00	.....	15 00
410 00	1200 00	200 00	25 00	65 00	64 00	.....	.....	.....	49 50
935 00	432 00	100 00	15 00	26 25	26 25	.....	20 00	.....	10 00
.....	780 00	130 30	25 00	70 25	71 20	8 25	15 00	.....	25 00
90 90	838 00	100 00	20 30	47 50	42 25	.....	73 25	.....	110 15
3200 00	800 00	100 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	60 00	.....	31 00
1000 00	1213 00	249 00	40 00	95 75	95 75	.....	.....	.....	.....
7183 25	14035 53	2308 27	354 30	937 30	1028 25	23 25	646 21	.....	818 65
350 00	1400 00	290 00	40 00	80 00	100 00	.....	135 00	.....	105 00
325 00	300 00	60 00	10 00	10 00	11 35	.....	35 25	.....	.....
.....	522 25	78 50	24 00	83 75	83 75	.....	12 00	.....	.....
.....	419 85	74 83	.....	20 00	24 50	.....	15 70	.....	49 00
300 00	475 00	59 00	2 00	7 95	11 00	.....	.....	.....	6 35
200 00	550 00	100 00	25 00	24 00	20 10	.....	15 00	.....	.....
.....	225 00	108 00	5 00	40 00	25 00	.....	45 00	.....	.....
.....	331 00	68 00	2 50	7 00	6 65	.....	10 00	.....	.....
.....	21 85	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12 25
.....	135 00	14 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 15
.....	738 18	122 52	15 00	35 00	24 50	.....	40 00	.....	500 00
76 85	556 00	88 96	10 00	45 00	45 00	.....	27 85	.....	.....

NAMES OF CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	REAL ESTATE.					
	CHURCHES.			PARSONAG'S		OTHER PROPERTY.
	Number.	Value.	Sittings.	Number.	Value.	Specifications. Value.
Stewart.....	4	2500 00	800	.....	.....	.....
Florence.....	4	200 00	1050	.....	.....	.....
Total .....	55	36650 00	12625	4	4700 00	12940 00
<b>BAINBRIDGE DISTRICT.</b>						
Bainbridge.....	1	3000 00	420	1	1250 00	.....
Decatur.....	3	4000 00	1500	.....	.....	165 00
Trinity.....	4	1098 00	750	.....	.....	.....
Spring Creek Mission.....	1	100 00	100	.....	.....	.....
Fort Gaines and Blakely..	7	4250 00	2000	.....	.....	1/3 interest in Blufton Ch. 500 00
Morgan.....	2	700 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Camilla.....	3	3400 00	1000	.....	.....	.....
Cairo.....	7	2000 00	1200	.....	.....	.....
Albany and Mission.....	1	3500 00	300	1	3000 00	.....
Cuthbert.....	1	.....	600	.....	.....	.....
Spring Vale.....	4	2000 00	800	1	350 00	.....
Terrell.....	7	2500 00	1400	.....	.....	.....
Georgetown, Midway & St. P	1	1200 00	300	.....	.....	.....
Total .....	42	27748 00	10370	3	4600 00	665 00
<b>THOMASVILLE DISTRICT.</b>						
Thomasville.....	1	3700 00	400	1	2200 00	.....
Spring Hill.....	2	800 00	600	.....	.....	.....
Grooverville.....	5	4000 00	1300	1	1200 00	.....
Quitman.....	1	3500 00	300	1	1000 00	.....
Morven.....	5	3500 00	1250	1	400 00	1 Camp-ground. 500 00
Valdosta.....	1	1500 00	350	.....	.....	.....
Lowndes & Echols Mission	5	2000 00	800	.....	.....	Lot. 500 00
Jesup.....	7	1800 00	1000	.....	.....	Lot. 200 00
Blackshear and Junction..	1	2350 00	225	.....	.....	Lot & ins. policy. 700 00
Waresboro.....	13	.....	.....	1	300 00	.....
Waynesville.....	5	700 00	750	1	300 00	.....
Centrevillage.....	4	2550 00	1200	.....	.....	.....
St. Mary's.....	1	2100 00	200	.....	.....	.....
Brunswick and City Mis...	1	3200 00	250	1	2500 00	.....
Darien and McIntosh.....	5	2000 00	1200	.....	.....	.....
Stockton.....	2	300 00	300	.....	.....	.....
Total .....	59	34000 00	10125	7	7900 00	1900 00
<b>ALTAMAHA DISTRICT.</b>						
Scarboro.....	5	2000 00	1200	.....	.....	.....
Dublin.....	1	1000 00	300	.....	.....	.....
Wrightsville.....	3	1500 00	1500	.....	.....	.....
Swainsboro.....	6	1150 00	1000	.....	.....	.....
Jacksonville.....	9	1800 00	1700	.....	.....	.....
Oconee.....	3	660 00	480	.....	.....	.....
Altamaha.....	8	1800 00	2000	.....	.....	.....
Reidsville.....	5	2250 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Moultrie Mission.....	2	2000 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Alapaha.....	6	500 00	200	.....	.....	.....
Ocmulgee.....	1	300 00	375	1	400 00	.....
Holmesville.....	11	1525 00	1400	.....	.....	.....
County Line.....	6	1300 00	1500	.....	.....	.....
Total .....	67	17785 00	11655	1	400 00	.....
<b>RECAPITULATION.</b>						
Savannah District.....	66	101550 00	18900	8	18750 00	19500
Macon District.....	51	93250 00	13391	6	12900 00	110100
Columbus District.....	55	78800 00	16630	6	7250 00	8775
Americus District.....	55	36650 00	12625	4	4700 00	12940
Bainbridge District.....	42	27748 00	10370	3	4600 00	665
Thomasville District.....	59	34000 00	10125	7	7900 00	1900
Altamaha District.....	67	17785 00	11655	1	400 00	.....
Total .....	395	389783 00	93696	35	56500 00	153380
Last year.....	399	422110 00	9587	33	57700 00	149650
Increase.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	4230
Decrease .....	4	32326 40	1991	.....	1200 00	.....

## MONEYS RAISED DURING THE CONFERENCE YEAR.

For Building, Repairing and Furnishing.	For the Pastor and his Assistants.	For the Pre- siding Elder.	For the Bishops.	For the Confer- ence Collection	For Missions.	Education of Young Men for Ministry.	For Sunday Schools in the charge.	Conversions in the S. Schools.	In aid of other Church enterprises.
200 00	500 00	120 00	15 00	15 75	15 75	4 50	23 00		15 50
.....	310 00	.....	8 00	10 00	12 50	.....	10 00	.....	12 00
1451 85	6484 13	1183 81	157 50	378 45	380 10	4 50	368 80	.....	705 25
437 00	487 60	119 98	.....	12 50	36 00	.....	48 00	.....	20 00
300 00	331 85	72 00	4 00	7 00	23 00	.....	40 00	.....	40 00
210 00	322 40	72 00	10 00	10 00	16 00	2 00	15 60	.....	75
.....	50 00	10 00	.....	75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	1013 22	133 80	.....	5 50	45 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	141 90	2 40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	500 00	86 00	12 00	40 00	16 00	.....	15 00	.....	20 00
750 00	479 05	75 00	10 00	27 00	30 50	.....	.....	.....	.....
35 00	298 00	36 10	9 75	26 35	25 00	.....	10 00	.....	.....
240 00	860 00	127 00	11 45	26 00	40 00	.....	100 00	.....	.....
.....	371 90	50 70	15 75	20 00	10 00	.....	10 00	.....	.....
100 00	708 75	75 50	15 00	38 60	30 00	.....	15 00	.....	56 00
50 00	285 00	60 00	10 00	30 00	25 00	.....	25 00	.....	.....
2122 00	5849 62	920 48	97 95	243 70	296 50	2 00	278 60	.....	136 75
75 00	1146 00	210 90	25 00	110 00	105 00	5 00	92 50	.....	138 00
17 00	255 36	30 00	5 00	15 00	28 25	11 10	.....	.....	.....
400 00	478 00	84 00	7 00	15 00	15 00	.....	54 00	.....	18 00
287 00	700 00	160 00	12 00	30 00	50 00	.....	34 55	.....	35 00
38 00	383 80	76 50	10 00	26 50	74 10	4 65	20 00	.....	.....
563 89	420 00	75 00	5 00	21 10	50 00	.....	26 00	.....	.....
375 00	224 88	50 00	5 00	7 00	14 90	.....	.....	.....	.....
300 00	400 00	60 80	3 50	4 00	9 00	.....	17 00	.....	25 00
50 25	173 50	50 50	10 00	36 50	38 20	.....	51 75	.....	100 00
500 00	127 00	20 00	5 00	5 00	15 00	.....	50 00	.....	.....
.....	182 66	35 40	4 61	3 75	15 75	.....	12 00	.....	.....
79 00	189 95	45 00	5 00	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	440 00	50 00	7 00	15 00	15 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
588 75	720 00	160 00	10 00	50 00	50 00	.....	40 39	.....	53 02
.....	400 00	100 00	10 00	50 00	50 00	.....	7 50	.....	2 50
.....	106 95	10 00	2 00	3 85	17 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
3273 89	6348 10	1218 10	126 11	392 70	548 20	20 75	405 69	.....	371 52
.....	325 00	20 00	3 00	12 00	25 00	.....	50 00	.....	.....
.....	264 50	30 25	5 55	11 45	48 75	.....	35 00	.....	25 00
.....	100 00	9 00	3 40	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
83 20	240 30	25 00	1 00	3 20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	80 00	14 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
268 00	260 00	17 35	3 00	10 00	22 25	48 00	.....	.....	.....
.....	235 00	20 00	1 50	.....	1 00	.....	36 00	.....	.....
.....	450 00	30 00	4 00	.....	10 50	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	75 25	1 90	.....	.....	2 05	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	85 00	1 25	1 50	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
270 00	400 00	19 00	2 00	10 00	6 00	.....	20 00	.....	24 50
.....	234 75	7 00	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	200 00	20 00	2 00	5 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
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28132 90	57413 15	9284 60	1430 95	5463 45	5945 13	.....	2672 64	.....	6050 06
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9088 91	3109 32	134 84	58 39	1499 55	426 87	.....	.....	.....	1447 32

# COURSE OF STUDY.

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FOR ADMISSION ON TRIAL.—The Bible, in reference to doctrines generally; Wesley's Sermons on Justification by Faith, and on the Witness of the Spirit; Book of Discipline; the ordinary branches of an English education.

FIRST YEAR.—The Bible, in reference to its historical and biographical parts, and its chronology; Book of Discipline, with special reference to Chapter I., Sections 1 and 2; Manual of Discipline, Chapters I. and II.; Wesley's Sermons, Volume I.; Ralston's Elements of Divinity; Watson's Institutes, Part IV.; Preacher's Manual; History of the Organization of the M. E. Church, South, by Redford; Written Sermons on Repentance.

*Books of Reference.*—Watson's Biblical and Theological Dictionary; Theological Compend; Fletcher's Works; Watson's Life of Wesley.

SECOND YEAR.—The Bible, in reference to its Prophetical parts; Wesley's Sermons, Volume II.; Watson's Institutes, Part III.; Smith's Elements of Divinity; Book of Discipline, with special reference to Chapters II., III., IV.; Manual of Discipline, Chapters III. and IV.; Coppee's Rhetoric; Written Sermon on Justification by Faith.

*Books of Reference.*—Newton or Keith on the Prophecies; Angus' Handbook of the Bible; Claude's Essays on the Composition of a sermon; Watson's Sermons; Bickerstith on the Spirit of Life; Whatley's Rhetoric.

THIRD YEAR.—The Bible, in reference to the life of Christ; Wesley's Sermons, Volume III.; Watson's Institutes, Part II.; Coppee's Logic; River's Mental Philosophy; Edgar's Variations of Popery; Book of Discipline, with special reference to Chapter V. to the end; Manual of Discipline, Chapters V., VI. and VII.; Written Sermon on the Witness of the Spirit.

*Books of Reference.*—Young's Christ of History; Neander's Life of Christ; Hickok's Mental Science; Vinet's Pastoral Theology; Stevens' History of Methodism; Paine's Life of McKendree; D'Aubigne's History of the Reformation; Whatley's Logic.

FOURTH YEAR.—The Bible, in reference to the Acts and Epistles, their analysis and design; Wesley's Sermons, Volume IV.; Watson's Institutes, Part I.; Powell on the Apostolical Succession; Hickok's Moral Science; Mosheim's Church History; Summers on Baptism; Book of Discipline, reviewed; Manual of Discipline, Chapters VIII. and IX.; Written Sermon on Regeneration.

*Books of Reference.*—Butler's Analogy; Bingham's Antiquities; River's Moral Philosophy; Hoppin's Homiletics; Wall on Infant Baptism; Litton's Church of Christ; Neander's Church History; Liddon on the Divinity of our Lord; Conybeare and Howson's Life and Epistles of St. Paul.

*Commentaries.*—Clark's, Watson's Exposition, Wesley's Notes, Summers on the Gospel, Stier's Words of the Lord Jesus, Lange on the New Testament, Olshausen on the New Testament, Alford on the New Testament, Bloomfield on the New Testament, MacKnight on the Epistles, Henry's Exposition, Whitby's Commentary.

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